

2012 DEFENDERS CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION FORM—DEADLINE: MARCH 15



Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters and Wildlife

APPLICATION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2012	DATE COMPLETED _____ / _____ / _____
CHAPTER NAME _____	DIVISION AND CHAPTER NUMBER _____ - _____
NAME AND TITLE OF CHAPTER OFFICER _____	
SIGNATURE _____	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____	

This Izaak Walton League of America award program will annually recognize a Chapter's overall local efforts during each previous year. Each applying IWLA Chapter needs to fulfill **at least** five (5) of the following six (6) criteria during the same year to attain this annual award designation. Criteria address **membership, contribution, education, conservation, youth involvement, and communication**. Each Chapter will be required to resubmit an application annually for ongoing recognition of their accomplishments.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete the application for the previous year's activities of the Chapter. Submit (postmarked) by no later than March 15th.
- When applicable, check off the appropriate boxes (under criteria). Type or clearly print the requested information.
- Supporting documentation is accepted and encouraged.
- Send the National Office the completed copy. Make and keep a photocopy of this form prior for your Chapter's records.
- Send your application to: **Izaak Walton League of America
Chapter Relations Department
707 Conservation Lane
Gaithersburg, MD 20878-2983**

Awards recognition for the preceding year's accomplishments will be given at the annual IWLA National Convention and listed in the respective *IWLA Annual Report*, as well as noted in a post-convention issue of *Outdoor America*. An engraved, wood plaque, with brass year plates added for year of completion, will be presented to each deserving Chapter as part of a formal recognition at a mutually scheduled Chapter meeting. The presentation will be made by either a volunteer League leader such as your Chapter's assigned National Director liaison, or when possible, by an IWLA National Office staff member.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Our Chapter confirms that we have completed at least five of the following six award criteria:

1. Offered all four available membership types at the Chapter level: Individual, Family, Student, and Youth.

Please indicate offered memberships by completing total dues amount charged by your Chapter. Include national and state (if applicable) dues in each of these totals:

☐ Yes, for the calendar year **2012**, our Chapter offered all of the following four (4) memberships types at the following dues rates (Include national and division dues):

\$____ Individual, \$____ Family, \$____ Student, and \$____ Youth.

2. Made a minimum \$100 donation to either the Izaak Walton League Trust, an Izaak Walton League Division, an appeal from the IWLA National Office, or some other IWLA Conservation Program. – Or – Made a contribution to IWLA Endowment. NOTE: Cannot include submission of National/Division membership dues.

Please check off the specific beneficiary of your donation(s), along with the donated amount and the date submitted:

☐ Izaak Walton League Trust — \$____ on ____ / ____ / ____.

☐ Izaak Walton League Division (Specify) _____ — \$____ on ____ / ____ / ____.

☐ IWLA National Office Appeal — \$____ on ____ / ____ / ____.

☐ IWLA Partners in Outdoor America's Future pledge — \$____ on ____ / ____ / ____.

☐ Other IWLA Conservation Program (Specify) _____ — \$____ on ____ / ____ / ____.

– Or – ☐ Izaak Walton League of America Endowment — \$____ on ____ / ____ / ____.

3. **Provided a scholarship to a local, college-bound student who intends to study conservation- or environmental-related major. – Or – Made a contribution to a joint chapter or division-sponsored scholarship fund. – Or – Made a contribution to IWLA National Conservation Scholarship (minimum \$100).**

☐ Please indicate the student's name, intended major, accepted university, and financial amount received:

_____, _____, _____, _____ and \$ _____. – Or –

☐ Check if your Chapter contributed to a joint chapter or division-sponsored scholarship fund. Indicate amount, date submitted, and scholarship's name. \$ ____ on ____ / ____ / ____ for the _____ Scholarship. – Or –

☐ Check if your Chapter contributed to the IWLA National Conservation Scholarship program. Indicate amount and date submitted. \$ ____ on ____ / ____ / ____.

4. **Completed a Chapter on-the-ground conservation project in keeping with the goals of a National IWLA program such as, but not limited to, Save Our Streams, Outdoor Ethics, or Sustainability Education.**

☐ Save Our Streams, ☐ Outdoor Ethics, ☐ Sustainability Education. – Or –

☐ Other conservation project (Specify) _____.

Please give a brief description of your project with completed goals and accomplishments:

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5. **Established and maintained an organized youth entity within the existing Chapter structure. – Or – Provided financial or volunteer support for a conservation education event for either a Chapter's youth group (i.e., Uncle Ikes, Young Ikes), a community-based youth organization (i.e., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Future Farmers of America) or another conservation group's youth program (i.e., National Wild Turkey Federation's J.A.K.E.S., Ducks Unlimited's Greenwings, National Rifle Association's Youth Hunter Education Challenge). – Or – Provided a contribution to IWLA National Youth Convention (minimum \$100).**

☐ Chapter's Youth Entity's Name _____ and number of young participants _____. – Or –

☐ Other Youth Involvement (Specify) _____.

Please give a brief description of your youth project and completed accomplishments:

_____. – Or –

☐ Check if your Chapter contributed to the IWLA National Youth Convention. Indicate amount and date submitted. \$ ____ on ____ / ____ / ____.

6. **Printed and distributed a Chapter newsletter (with copies regularly sent to National Office). – Or – Maintained a Chapter Web site (linked with National's Web site). – Or – Sponsored at least six *Outdoor America* magazine subscriptions to local schools, university or public libraries.**

☐ Newsletter title _____, the editor's name _____, and the number of printings per year _____. ☐ Check if it is an electronic newsletter sent via email.

☐ Check to confirm that the IWLA National Office is on your Chapter's mailing list. – Or –

☐ Web site address www _____ and the webmaster's name _____.

☐ Check to confirm that your Chapter's website is linked with National's Website. – Or –

☐ Check to confirm that your Chapter sponsored at least six *Outdoor America* magazine subscriptions. List local school, university, or public libraries: _____.

Added information is requested to help the National Office staff learn more about your chapter's many successful projects and activities. In order to generate quality press releases on your award, please feel free to attach any additional detailed documentation (such as photos, or new clippings) to this form. Including supporting material with background information would be helpful, but is not required.